OLD ENGLAND:

OR,

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Optat ephippia bos piger, optat arare caballus.
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THE Misapplication of Talents, as it is the most common, is the most dangerous Evil that can attend Mankind. It is the grand Source of most of the Calamities which afflict Society, ruin Individuals, and which render Life itself scarce worth the enjoying.

A very little Observation will enable us to exemplify the Truth we have asserted. Whether in public or private, in high or low, Life, we fix our Attention, from either or from all we may draw Evidence and Conviction.

When an insolent Churchman, an overreaching Attorney, or an infallible Medican, make their Appearance among us, which they often do, we regret our own in the general Misfortune. What a noble Bully of a Brothel, what a vigilant Trading J**e, what an egregious Prime-M**r, are lost in these three unhappy Persons, thro' a single Error in the Application of their Talents? Or if, more public Life, we see insufficient Placemen, corrupt Legislators, and tardy Politicians, suffer again for ourselves and the Commu- in the Loss of Grooms, Lackeys, Porters, owmen and Coblers.—— Hence would appear the Rectitude of training up the *Foundlings* for the latter of these useful Employments, were it not evident that a Change of Hands with the former might amply do the Business without them.

Wherever Awkwardness appears, there may be suspect misapplied Talents. Most Men are expert in Something; but the Difficulty is to know that Something. Nature, 'tis true, may point it out clearly to the Few who are observant of her; but her Lights are but Glimmerings to many. *Turpin* was always blindly rambling about what Nature designed him: Had he known he was born a Soldier, he would never have been a Highwayman; because it is safer to rob under the Law than in defiance to it.—A Truth demonstrated at least by two Thirds of the Profession.

It has been said, some Men have no Talents at all, either to apply or misapply. We cowardly suspect however, this can be no more than a malapert Satire on the Statesmen and Writers of the Times, to which their unguarded Works may have given innocent, and certainly undesigned, Occasion.

But general Examples, tho' they are endless, will not alone satisfy. 'Tis in every one's Power to give them, and therefore pleasing to very few to read them; for wanting Novelty they justly want Attention. For this Reason, we shall illustrate our Subject by Extracts from the Adventures of TOM and HARRY, now in our Possession in Manuscript.

The Memoirs of these Personages, communicated by some unknown Hand, are egregiously defective in the Rules of true Biography: Neither the Time when, nor the Place where, they lived, are particularly specified. But as, from the dispersed Data and Terms of the *Pentateuch* the ingenious Mr. *Kennedy* hath ascertained *Sacred Chronology* and discovered some apparently unrevealed Facts; in like manner, we suppose the Writer of these Memoirs, like the inspired Penman, hath left room for the Ingenuity of future Commentators. For our Part, we shall not presume ourselves equal to the Explanation. If we were, we should not have the Vanity to direct the Judgement of the Public, since they have an absolute Right of judging as they think proper. They may fix the Time as far back as the Reign of King *Lud*, and the Place within a League of his Castle, for any thing we shall say to contradict them; since, whether those *Arcana* keep or lose their Name, our Purpose will be sufficiently answered by the plain Narration, the Truth of which, the Author says, will not bear Dispute.

"TOM and HARRY, Twin-Brothers, (says the MS.) were born of honest, but mean, Parents, who gave them however the best Education their poor Circumstances could afford. But whether they were Twins in Time or Temper, in respect to Birth or Inclination, remains a Doubt: Thus much nevertheless is certain, that, tho' their Ambition was the same, their Abilities were very different: And this made some credulous People, who make Proverbs their Guide, believe, that TOM was the oldest, because HARRY was the 'cutest. Be this as it will, their Views and Fortune were alike; and this might perhaps cause them to be thought Twins.

"But, careful as their good Parents were to make them religious, chaste, and sober, the naughty Boys were always breaking *Sabbath* and Windows, wenching, and getting drunk: And all this too, before they arrived to lawful Years of Puberty and Manhood. TOM in particular, who seemed bred in Rioting and Revel, had the Vices of a Man when a Boy, and (if Fame which often lies says true) the Infirmity of Age when he should have had the Vigor of Youth.

"The honest old Couple, when their Children were of a fit Age, apprenticed them out in the best Manner they possibly could; and this they were in a greater Hurry to do, because they vainly thought they were timely providing for their future Happiness: And they hoped the Pressures of Servitude and Severity of Masters might work more effectually to their Reformation than any thing they could do. Besides, the keeping them longer at School was entirely useless, for it was not in the Power of Birch to teach TOM the Alphabet, nor in the Power of Instruction to teach *Harry* to read the Bible better. The one had gained the Heighth of the Learning designed him, the other shewed himself utterly incapable of any Learning at all. However, TOM was a good-natured Boy, and did and thought entirely as HARRY (the Scholar) directed him, except now and then when he was drunk.

TOM was put to a Shoemaker, HARRY to a Joiner. It may be supposed they did not serve long without an Elopement; for they who do not obey their Parents, do not always fear their Masters. They went on thus eloping and returning 'till the Expiration of their Servitude; during which, their vicious Courses had broke the Hearts of their affectionate Parents, and "sent their grey Hairs with Sorrow to the Grave."

"This brought HARRY to a serious Way of Thinking. He remembered with Tears in his Eyes the Tenderness of his dear Parents, and felt the sharpest Remorse for his Disobedience and Follies. This Penitence was permanent and real in HARRY, and TOM kept it too as long as Imitation and Sobriety, without Sensation, could be supposed capable of doing.

"HARRY, who was an ingenious Lad, was a good Workman too. He is said to have been the Artist, who made a curious Buroe which their High-Mightinesses afterwards sent to the *Indies*, with Orders to their Governor there to send it back to the King of *Great Britain*, as if a Present from himself, to palliate some Acts of Piracy he (the Governor) had committed by secret Orders from his Masters. The Buroe was such a Masterpiece of Art, that HARRY's Fame was abroad, for the most dextrous Joiner in *Europe*: And his Employers, had they been grateful, would have procured him a handsome yearly Pension, for having enabled them to get so cheap out of so dirty a Scrape.

"As to TOM, poor Fellow, he could never gain any Mastery in his Profession; tho', after the Tide of his Follies were a little abated, he applied so closely to Business, that he did at last acquire the Reputation of the most notable and happy *Cobler* this Side *Trent*.

"Had they been contented in their Stations, every thing would have gone well with them. But an unlucky Incident happened, which threw them both out of the Road of Obscurity and Happiness.

This Incident was the Death of a rich Relation, who had taken a Fancy to our eldest Hero, because he loved an unlucky Boy. We are apt to love our own Likeness wherever we find it; and this was the present Case. TOM got more Money than he could count; but HARRY, who had learned *Addition*, and who understood *Substraction* better than most People, was Steward for him.

"But if TOM could not count, he could spend, Money with any Duke in the Land. This Profusion made him a Crony with the Parson of the Parish and Justice of Peace's Clerk; for it happened, as Wonders do happen now and then, the Justice himself, so far from being a Parasite, was a Man of strict Honor and Probity himself, and pitied TOM for his silly Extravagance, as much as HARRY reproved him for it. But this Justice of Peace was another kind of Justice than what we find now under that Name: He was chief Magistrate or Governor over a whole People, of whom our Heroes made a small Part.

It was now the Ambition of becoming *great Men*, seized our Joiner and Cobler. The first took it in his Head (from the small Experience

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he had lately had) he could manage much greater Sums than ever his Brother could poſſeſs him of. He imagined, if he was Maſter of the *Juſtice*'s Caſh, he could diſpoſe of it with equal *Prudence* and Oeconomy: In a word, he was never eaſy 'till his good, or rather ill, Fortune had put him in full Poſſeſſion of his Wiſhes.

" But we ſhould firſt have mentioned *Tom*'s Folly, as he was ſuppoſed the Eldeſt, if the Memoirs were not throughout irregular. As the Facts lie in thoſe they are given.

" *Tom*'s Folly, or rather Frenzy, if Fools can be mad, was of a very extraordinary Nature. He happened to dream he was *Chief Clerk* to the Juſtice; and, when he awoke, nothing could perſuade him to the contrary. He got a fine Pen made, which was always in his Mouth, Hand or Hat, wherever he went. Sometimes he would ſeem to write, but the fair unſpotted Pen unluckily informed the Spectators the Deceit was worthy of *Tom*'s Genius. At other Times he would cry out, inſpired like the *Cheſhire* Prophet, and with the *triple* Voice of *Pelicans*, *Vicit Amor Patriæ*.

Earth trembled to the Centre at the Roar.

Tho' others ſay, there was no Inſpiration in the Caſe; for that he was taught thoſe learned Words by the Parrot of a Patriot Pedagogue, he had ſome time before accidentally purchaſed.

As Chance would have it, the *Juſtice*'s *Chief Clerk* died; and, for the Joke-ſake, *Tom* was appointed his Succeſſor. *Harry*, who knew his Brother could neither read nor write, was heartily aſhamed for him; but putting the beſt Face upon the Matter, he adviſed him never to carry the *Pen* in his Hand again, but to employ Deputies for that and every other Purpoſe of his Office; for it was not like a Placeman to do his Duty himſelf, even tho' he knew it.

Harry further adviſed him never to leave the *Juſtice* to himſelf, for fear of *Earwigs*. *Harry* had a double View in this: Firſt, he ſtrengthened his own in his Brother's Intereſt: Next, he knew the *Juſtice* took a dangerous Pleaſure in ſailing over great Rivers, and it was not unlikely but that ſome happy Storm might put an End to both Maſter and Brother, and at once leave him the Power of the one and the Seniority of the other.

" The *Juſtice* accordingly ſet out on one of theſe Voyages. *Tom*'s Heart miſgave him, but however, well encouraged, he ventured. When they had ſafely got the other Side the River, *Tom*, no longer under his Brother's Eye, began to ſhew himſelf. He forgot his Quill-Employment, and reſumed his old. He made *Shoes* for the People of the Country that did not fit them, and *cobled* away at a ſtrange Rate.

" When they returned from this Tour, *Tom* encountered the great River without Fear ever after. But as on a black Day, he was heedleſsly *ſteering* the Veſſel (for he muſt be a *Pilot* too) ſhe ſtruck on a Sand. The Shock threw our poor *Pilot* overboard, and he was drowned. But the *Ship*, with the *Juſtice* and his Crew, were providentially ſaved.

" *Harry*, when he heard the Diſaſter was not complete, threw up his perplexed Accounts to avoid their being taken from him, and lived again upon *his old Tools*."

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Wedneſday was held a court of common council at Guildhall, when it was agreed to furniſh the manſion houſe forthwith, for the uſe of the Lord Mayors for the time being; and it was referred to the manſion houſe committee to furniſh it for the reception of the next lord mayor, at an expence not exceeding 4000 l. and the chamberlain was empowered by the Court to pay any draughts the committee ſhall make for that purpoſe, ſo that they do not in the whole exceed the above ſum.

The ſame court empowered the chamberlain to pay the preſent ſheriffs 26 l. in lieu of the ſale of the water bailiff's place, weſtward of London Bridge: And to pay the ſheriffs from the year 1736, down to the preſent time, the like ſum of 26 l.

We hear that Mr. Alexander, an eminent attorney in Threadneedle ſtreet, is appointed under ſheriff, to the ſheriffs elect for the year enſuing.

The chevalier de Aberou, who acts as agent to the court of Spain, in the abſence of M. Wall, received an expreſs, on Tueſday, from his court, with his catholic majeſty's approbation of the project concerted between M. Aberou & the earl of Holderneſs, ſecretary of ſtate for foreign affairs, touching a regulation of the commerce of Great Britain to his catholic majeſty's ſettlements in America.——The public would be obliged to know what this regulation is.

Wedneſday was held a court of directors of the Eaſt India company, when a declaration was made that they will put up to ſale on Thurſday the 14th of September, beſides the goods contained in their declaration of the 18th Inſtant, the following Goods, viz.

Tea Bohea	2568 large Cheſts
Ditto	130 half ditto
Ditto Congou	285 ſmall ditto
Ditto Hyſon	167 ditto
Ditto	927 Tubs
Ditto Pekoe	180 Cheſts
Ditto Singlo	1200 large ditto
Ditto	2204 half ditto
Ditto	322 Tubs
Ditto Souchong	380 Cheſts

The French agent here, having made a complaint that the French fiſhers on our coaſt have been diſturbed, an enquiry is ordered to be made into the merits of the cauſe.

Two men of war are next week to be launched at Chatham, deſigned as it is ſaid for the Eaſt Indies, to protect our ſettlements there, & particularly Surat and Tillichery, where affairs ſeem at preſent in a confuſed ſtate.

Great intereſt is making at Oxford by ſeveral gentlemen to ſucceed the late Dr. Brookes in the profeſſorſhip of civil law in that univerſity; amongſt the many candidates are Dr. Hay, one of the fellows of St. John's College, and chancellor of the dioceſe of Worceſter, and Dr. Ducarrel, one of the doctors at Doctors Commons: Whoever ſucceeds in this place, it's thought, will be obliged to make his reſidence there, the ſame being upwards of 500 l. per annum.

The celebrated Dr. Pepuſch, muſician to the charter houſe, who died on Monday laſt, was, we hear, upwards of 100. He was a man of extraordinary genius, as well for the accompliſhments of literature as thoſe of muſic; nor was he leſs remarkable for generoſity and extenſive beneficence.

On Thurſday ſe'nnight died at Aſton hall, of an apoplectic diſorder, with which ſhe was ſeized immediately after going to bed, Sir Lifter Holte's lady, daughter of the late Sir John Harpur, of Calke in Derbyſhire, Bart. a lady poſſeſſed of every worthy qualification.

The following twelve young gentlemen are to ſhoot for the ſilver arrow, at Harrow on the Hill, on Thurſday the 6th of Auguſt next, viz. Francis Lord Down, Mr. Frederick Thackery, Mr. Jacob Houblon, Mr. Timothy Earle, Mr. Thomas Godborne, Mr. Anthony Hamilton, Mr. Ralph Kellett, Mr. Joſeph Thackeray, Mr. James Hutton, Mr. Henry Parker, Mr. William Pollett, and Mr. John King.

——— Smith, Eſq; one of his majeſty's juſtices of the peace in Eſſex, has iſſued out warrants for all perſons to tie up their dogs, in order to prevent the frequent miſchief which have lately riſen, by ſo many people being bit by mad dogs in and about Brentwood; and all thoſe who do not tie them up, people are hired on purpoſe to deſtroy them.

One day laſt week a young man, ſervant to one Mr. Maver, a farmer of South Oxenden in Eſſex, was ſmothered between two featherbeds, he being in a raving condition; having the misfortune to be bit by a mad dog about a month ſince.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight the driver of a poſt chaiſe to Hounſlow races was killed by the following accident: The horſe on which he rode fell down & threw him off, and as he was getting up, the pole of a coach ſtruck with great force againſt his breaſt and he died immediately.

Laſt Tueſday a bricklayer and labourer, by a fall from a ſcaffold at Pancras Wells, were ſo miſerably bruiſed and otherwiſe hurt, that tho' they were immediately carried to an hoſpital, they both expired within half an hour.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight a maid ſervant having a young female child in her arms, as ſhe was looking over the wall at the bottom of the King's Bench Walks, ſhe careleſsly let the infant drop into the river, near the time of high water; a man happening luckily to be fiſhing for Grigs hard by, had but juſt time to jump out of his boat and ſave the child.

On Monday night as Mr. Walters, a great dealer in Cowes, was returning from Uxbridge, where he had been to ſell cattle, he was attacked by two foot-pads near the Black Lion at Bayſwater, who robbed him of all the money he had in his pocket, his peruke and buckles. Some perſons purſued them, but upon their firing a piſtol, the people deſiſted.

On Sunday the 12th inſtant, between the hours of three and four in the afternoon, the dwelling houſe of Mr. William Morris, of the pariſh of Llantilio Potholes, in the county of Monmouth, was broke open and robbed of 63 l. and a bond for 20 l. beſides wearing apparel, and other things, by one Anne Lewis a noted vile perſon, who afterwards put fire under one of the beds, with a deſign to burn the houſe; but being purſued the ſame evening by ſome of the inhabitants ſhe was taken and committed to the county jail.——This is not the only fact that ſhe has committed of this kind; for on the 6th of May laſt, ſhe broke open the dwelling houſe of Martha Jones, of the ſame pariſh, and ſtole from thence eight guineas in gold, and 11 s. in ſilver, with all her wearing apparel. It ſeems her companion is a travelling tinker. On her examination before the magiſtrate, ſhe confeſſed the above robberies.

A few days ago a tradeſman who lives in New North ſtreet, Golden ſquare, having been down at Greenwich, a dog picked him up, fawned upon him much, and came home with him. The ſecond night after, ſome thieves, by wrenching a bar out of the iron rails of this tradeſman's houſe, broke into the cellar where the dog lay, & next morning there was found in the cellar a lump of fleſh, a piece of a ſtocking, and part of the skirt of a coat; a great deal of blood was alſo ſhed upon the floor; and it is not to be doubted but the thieves were thus frighted away by the fidelity of the dog.

Monday a very odd affair happened at Enfield; ſeveral ordinary fellows, in all about ten, came to the houſe of Joſeph Gaſcoigne Nightingale, Eſq; who died laſt week, and ſaid they came to take poſſeſſion in behalf of the heirs at law: The ſervant reſiſted as much as poſſible, but were over powered; on which one of the ſervants ran directly away to the veſtry, which was then met, and the high conſtable and ſeveral other gentlemen being there, *came to* their aſſiſtance, & the heirs at law *made their eſcape*, except a fat blackſmith, who was ſeized near the gate, and has given in the names of the reſt. 'Tis not doubted but they came with a deſign to take care of the valuable effects.

Monday divers perſons were taken up, and their goods ſeized, for ſelling Bow china without a Licence.

We have an account that the Merchants Adventure, Puriet, is arrived at Gambia, from London, after a paſſage of three weeks, which is the moſt extraordinary ever known.

Tueſday night the purſer of the Hardwick, capt. Sampſon, arrived at the Eaſt India houſe, with the agreeable news of the ſaid ſhip's arrival off Haſtings.——She came from St. Helena in ſeven weeks and three days, where ſhe left the Shaftesbury, Capt. Bookey, homeward bound, who was to ſail from thence about a week after her. The Swallow was to be diſpatchen in a few Days after. She alſo brings advice that the Scarborough was to be diſpatched from Bengal about a fortnight after her, and the Duke of Dorſet in a month after.

We have an account from Pembrokeſhire in South Wales, that the ſore throat diſtemper has been very rife in that county, particularly in the town and Neighbourhood of Haverfordweſt. It is computed that upwards of 100 children, beſides ſeveral grown perſons died thereof. They call it the watery diſtemper, imagining it to proceed from the late wet unſeaſonable weather. And on account of its proving ſo fatal, it is deemed malignant; the part ſeized being much inflamed, and terminates into Ulcers &c. A young lady, daughter to an eminent phyſician of that county having died of that malady, her body was opened by a ſurgeon, and in performing the operation he was maligned immediately with the ſame diſorder, & grew very ill with it, but is likely to recover.

They write from Ratiſbon, that the memorial preſented to the evangelic body, in relation to the ſufferings of the proteſtants in Carinthia, has ſtruck the wiſe and moderate of both religions with pity & compaſſion; more eſpecially as their ſituation admits of no other kind of relief than the applications that may be made, and the good offices that may be done for them at the court of Vienna, where it may be reaſonably ſuppoſed certain proteſtant powers have pretty good intereſt.

The firſt Shetland herrings which came to Eng-
d laſt ſummer, were retailed out at 9d. and even
, each; whereas thoſe brought lately, tho' infi-
ely ſuperior, ſell at 2d. 3d. & 4d. each, which
kes the conſumption vaſtly greater.

There are letters in town which mention, that
e villain concerned in kidnapping the Marquis de
tteaux appears very gay in Paris, in conſequence
a good ſettlement, which he had procured as the
ges of iniqnity, and for which he has very deſerv-
ſold his country.

Monday in the afternoon a whirlwind happened at
Neat Houſes oppoſite Vaux Hall, which lifted
boats out of the Thames many feet high; the
fell on the ſhore, and was daſhed to pieces; the
er was carried quite over the high cauſey into the
den of Mr. White near the Neat Houſes.

Laſt Monday a journeyman baker who had been
with bread, came home to Barnaby ſtreet, South-
k, in the time of the ſtorm: His maſter being diſ-
ſed with ſomething that had happened, ſwore at
man, and in a paſſion took the horſe from him,
ich he would take to the ſtable himſelf; & by the
he was ſtruck dead with lightning.

We are informed, that a gentleman in Spital Square
r Biſhopſgate ſtreet, being on the top of his houſe,
the Storm of thunder that happened on monday
in the afternoon, drew electricity from the clouds
a tin tube, with ſome needles at the upper end of
placed on an upright tube of glaſs, which was
ered to keep it from the Rain.

On Thurſday ſe'nnight came on at Wincheſter
the long expected cauſe, wherein the mayor,
rmen and burgeſſes of Romſey were plaintiffs, &
Parſons, defendant. The action was brought
inſt the defendant for exerciſing the buſineſs of a
lmaker, in the liberties of the ſaid corporation,
hout paying them the fine which they demanded,
conſequence of a bye law made by them about 10
s ago, by which they ordered that every perſon
g any trade or manuel occupation in Romſey,
having ſerved an apprentiſhip in the town, ſhould
them one ſhilling a day for ſo doing. A verdict
given for the defendant, after a long trial: By
ich the ſaid bye law is diſannulled, to the general
isfaction of the court.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight came on at Chelmsford, in
county of Eſſex, before the Hon. Mr. Juſtice
niſon, the cauſe of great expectation, of the
g againſt Mr. Henry Simons, the Poliſh Jew
ant, upon an indictment preferred againſt him
Mr. James Aſhley, for putting three ducats into
ockets with an intent to charge him with a rob-
; when after a trial of 13 hours the jury with-
for about a quarter of an hour, and brought
their verdict not guilty.——The counſel for Mr.
ley were Mr. Haſſel and Mr. Burrell; and for
. Simons, Mr. Knowler, Mr. Robinſon, Mr.
n, and Mr. Gaſcoyne.

At the aſſizes at Oxford, a bill was preſented to
grand jury, and found a true bill againſt Capt.
nſtoun, for aiding & aſſiſting Miſs Blandy in the
der of her father.

Wedneſday ſe'nnight ended the aſſizes held at
ceſter, when only Charles Holder, for ſtealing
t weather ſheep, the property of William Ed-
is, Eſq; received ſentence of death; but was re-
ved before the judges left the city.

John Andrews for houſe-breaking; William Crue
entering a brew houſe, and ſtealing thence ſix
ckens; James Bailey for robbing his maſter Wil-
Wade, of 4l. in money, and other things, were
ered to be tranſported for 7 years; John Wil-
s, condemned, laſt Aſſizes, ordered to be tranſ-
ted for 14 years.

Wedneſday morning a woman, well dreſſed, was
erved to walk about for ſeveral hours, with a
k in her hand, in the fields near the farthing
houſe, near Tattenham Court, at laſt ſhe fixed
ope to one of the trees, and attempted to hang
ſelf, but ſhe was prevented. The reaſon ſhe aſ-
ned for this attempt was, a Quarrel ſhe had had
h her relations.

Tueſday as a company of the Yellow regiment of
ined hands were marching thro' Smithfield, two
ſes in a ſmall beer dray took fright at the noiſe
the drums, near the end of Cloth Fair, the dray-
an was thrown down, and in great danger of his
e before he could ſtop them; & they ran furiouſly
for as Pye Corner before they ſtopped, while every
rel was toſſed out of the dray, the clay at the
ngs knocked off, and all the beer was loſt in the
eet.

On Tueſday about four in the afternoon, a tide-
iter on board an indiaman at Erith, cut his throat
m ear to ear; the ſurgeon being preſently called,
e wound was ſewed up, and he lived about two
urs.

Tueſday a boy about eleven years of age, who for ſome time has been about the Royal Exchange, pretending to be both deaf and dumb, in order to obtain charity, was taken into cuſtody; and on his being committed to Bridewell, was ſoon brought to his hearing and ſpeech, and owned he belonged to a numerous gang of that ſort that lodged in Kingſland road.

They write from Edinburgh, that on the 21ſt inſtant a perſon from Inverary gave an account, that Allan Breck Stewart, ſaid to be an acceſſary in the murder of Glenure, was apprehended in Ireland.

They write from Kingſton, that the man hanging in chains near that place had lately the lace ſtripped off his hat and waiſtcoat.

Our laſt letters from Vienna adviſe, that the empreſs queen has deſired the king of France's permiſſion for Meſdames de Claon and de la Calmette, two ladies equally reſpectable for their piety and birth, to repair to Vienna to form an eſtabliſhment for the education of the young archdueheſſes her daughters, and of the young ladies of condition their companions.

Wedneſday night laſt a poor woman, who by her induſtry in ſelling greens, &c. had maintained an idle husband for ſome years, was murdered by him, at their lodgings in Old Gravel lane; the poor creature mentioned his idleneſs as ſcandalous for a man, upon which he took up a pan, and gave her ſeveral blows on the head, which fractured her ſkull; he was immediately apprehended, and ſhe ſent to the London Hoſpital, where ſhe died in a very ſhort time.

Tueſday a woman in weſtminſter whoſe daughter married againſt her conſent, and was brought to bed laſt Saturday, found means to get into her room when the nurſe was out, and whipped the poor woman, who was aſleep, in ſo violent a manner with a rod, that her life is deſpaired of. She was taken by the husband before John Manley, Eſq; who committed her to New Priſon.

Wedneſday morning ſome fiſhermen took in the Thames a ſmall ſhark; but he damaged their nets very much.

Thurſday morning early a farmer that lives at Pinner near Harrow, coming to town on horſeback, was attacked between Paddington and Tyburn, by three footpads, who made him diſmount, & ſearch'd his pockets, from whence they took ſix ponds ſeven ſhillings in ſilver, and made off towards Marybone. He is a very old man, and unable to make any reſiſtance. The Money they took from him he was going to pay a grazier in Smithfield.

There are ſome advices from the Eaſt Indies, importing that the Surats, or Natives, have diſpoſſeſs'd the Dutch of a conſiderable ſettlement.

We hear that the veſſel, on board of which were found the cloathworker's ſhears, is ſeized, & is forfeited: She had on board as many ſheers as would keep 200 men at work in the woollen manufacture.

Extract of a Letter from Paris.

"Since the contents of the petition ſigned by 22 prelates, and preſented to the king, ſome weeks ago, have been made public, the libertines, janſeniſts, & concealed heretics have made themſelves very merry upon it. In that petition the biſhops ſet out with lamenting the groſs ignorance of the majority of chriſtian: Upon which the others obſerve, that this muſt needs be owing to the remiſſneſs or ignorance of the clergy themſelves, who are numerous enough to inſtruct twenty millions of ſouls more than the kingdom contains, if they were diligent in, or duly qualified for, their miniſtry. Then the prelates ſay, that the nation is peſtered with evil minded people, who ſet themſelves to dogmatizing, ſeduce honeſt unwary ſouls, inſpire an averſion to the prieſthood of Melchizedeck, as alſo to the lieutenant of Jeſus Chriſt, the viſible head of the church, and conſequently a contempt of his infallible deciſions; & that this contempt of the pope weakens the authority of the biſhops, whoſe deciſions cannot be much reſpected by the people, when once they have loſt the reſpect due to the head of the church. After which they obſerve, that many people come to receive the Euchariſt without firſt going to confeſſion, as thinking the abſolution only a matter of form; or if they do confeſs their ſins to a prieſt, it is frequently to ſuch as are not empowered by the biſhops to hear confeſſions: So that the church is in danger of loſing one of the ſeven ſacnaments; which, our wags ſay, is the moſt lucrative of them all.

"After bearing very hard upon the parliament of Paris, and vindicating the conduct of the archbiſhop of this city, the petitioners conclude with demanding,

"1. That honourable reparation and ſatisfaction be made to the curates that have been vex'd and hampered by the parliament's proceedings for exacting certificates of confeſſion from their pariſhioners.

"2. They declare they will by no means confer with lay-judges about matters which none but churchmen have a right to take cognizance of.

"3. They beſeech his majeſty to authorize all the biſhops in the kingdom to iſſue mandates, for enjoining their prieſts to exact certificates of confeſſion, before they give the Viaticum to any ſick perſon.

"Hence we ſee that the parliament are likely to have a hard tug about theſe matters; for as the dignitaries of the church begin to perceive the danger of theſe public diſputes, which tend to open the eyes of the people, they will exert all their credit and influence to maintain their ſpiritual juriſdiction in its full vigour, as the only thing that can keep mankind in ignorance and blind obedience."

Mr. Keith's Chapel, in May-Fair, Hyde-Park Corner, where the Marriages are performed by Virtue of a Crown Stamp and Certificate for a Guinea, is oppoſite the great Chapel and within Ten Yards of it. The Way to the Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the End of St. James's-ſtreet, and down Clarges-ſtreet, and turn on the Left-Hand.—Several Perſons belonging to Churches and Chapels together with many others, ſuppoſing the Marriages to be detrimental to their Intereſt, have made it their Buſineſs to rave and clamour, but in ſuch a Manner, as not to deſerve an Anſwer, becauſe every Thing they have ſaid tends only to expoſe their own Ignorance and Malice, in the Opinion of People of good Senſe and Underſtanding.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Maidſtone in Kent, July 18. We hear from different parts of the plantations, that Hops are come on in general; and altho' it was thought ſome time ago the enſuing crops would at leaſt be worth ſeven or eight pounds per hundred weight, it is now judg'd by the knowing ones, that, except ſome diſaſter happens therein, between this & picking, brewers ware will not be worth above 4l. 4s. and good chap 5l. 5s. per hundred.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, July 16. Yeſterday the city of Edinburgh's ſilver arrow was ſhot for by the royal company of Archers in Bruntfield Links, and won by Mr. Æneas Mac Lanchlan, Writer.

On Thurſday laſt a great number of the peers of Scotland met at the palace of Holyrood-houſe, in conſequence of the royal proclamation for electing a peer to ſit and vote in this preſent parliament of Great Britain, in the room of the late earl of Dunmore, when the right hon. John earl of Breadalbane was unanimouſly choſen; after which there was a grand dinner prepared at his lordſhip's lodgings in the palace, where the company were elegantly entertained.

At this election Dr. Charles Roſs Fleming, Phyſician in Dublin, took his ſeat, voted as Earl of Wigton, and was received accordingly.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SPAIN.

Madrid, June 24 O. S. Letters from Cadiz intimate, that ever ſince the abolition of the Aſſiento contract, the colonies in the Spaniſh Weſt Indies, have been ſupplied with negroes by the French. A new academy for promoting polite literature has been lately erected under the king's protection at Seville. It's thought the difference between this court & that of London will be ſpeedily accommodated.

BANKRUPTS.

Renold Barruthers, late of Bow in the county of Middleſex, maltſter.

John Dell, of Charterhouſe lane in the county of Middleſex, baker.

William Wells, of Hockam in the county of Norfolk, grocer.

Abraham Leſtourgeon, of London, merchant & broker.

Abell Brett, late of Toftrees in the county of Norfolk, chapman.

Francis Coggan, of Fleet-ſtreet, London, bookſeller.

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